

REMARKS

Claims 7, 9, 23, and 25, which were indicated by the examiner to be allowed, are now pending in the present application. All other claims are hereby cancelled.

I. Art Rejections

The examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 11-15, 17-20, 27, 28, 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,829, 053) (hereinafter "*Smith*").

The examiner has rejected claims 5, 6, 8, 16, 21, 22, 24 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Smith* in view of Lorenz, Sr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,405,366) (hereinafter "*Lorenz*").

The examiner has rejected claims 10 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Smith* in view of *Lorenz* and further in view of Hendrickson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,646) (hereinafter "*Hendrickson*").

All of these rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to take the currently allowed claims, all rejected claims are herewith cancelled. Therefore, these art rejections are moot.

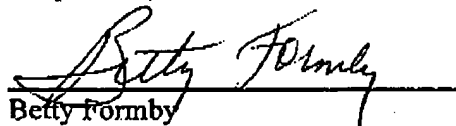
II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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